THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During 1993-94, as against a requirement of 8645 MUs of energy by Bihar, the availability was 5583 MUs leading to a shortage of 3062 MUs i.e. 35.4 per cent. To assist the State Government, the Central Government allocates energy from the Central Generating Stations to the State of Bihar and in 1993-94, as against an entitlement of 1406.5 MUs Bihar's drawal from Central Generating Stations was 2814.6 MUs. There is still a shortage in Bihar which is primarily on account of the poor performance of Bihar's own power stations.

(b) NTPC is executing only one project in Bihar viz. the Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project consisting of 4 units each of 210 MW. The first and second units have been synchronised and the coal firing of the first and the second unit is expected by July, 1994 and September, 1994 respectively. Unit-III and IV are expected to be synchronised in 1995-96.

Coal meant for Kahalgaon is not being diverted to any other NTPC power station.

Both Kahalgaon and Farakka Power Stations are linked to Rajmahal block of coal mines.

(c) and (d) The Government of India accorded investment approval for the Koel-Karo Hydro-electric Project (710 MW) in November, 1991. However, construction work for the project could not be started by the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC), the implementing agency, because of financial constraints.

Power Crisis in Andhra Pradesh

7609. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are studying ways and means to made available power supply to Andhra Pradesh to tide over the present acute-shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has estimated the present shortage between demand and supply in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) how Government propose to assist Andhra Pradesh to tide over the present power shortage crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The anticipated power supply during 1994-95 is as under:—

	(All figures in MU net) 1994-95 (Anticipated)
Requirement	30940
Availability	25932
Shortage	5008
%	16.2

Government's plan to increase power supply to Andhra Pradesh is as under:—

(i) Allocation for Andhra Pradesh from the unallocated output of the Central Sector Stations in the Southern regions has been enhanced from 25 per cent to 50 per cent w.e.f. 1.3.1994.

(ii) Assistance from Western Region is being provided to Andhra pradesh.

(iii) A capacity addition of 1303.6 MW has been targetted during 8th Plan period for Andhra Pradesh.

The other measures taken to increase the power supply to the State of Andhra Pradesh includes maximising of generation from existing units, reduction in T and D losses, implementation of botter demand management and energy conservation measures etc.